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SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" In view of the fact that Government have proposals to construct bridges over all the rivers in this region, either with the subsidy obtained from the Central Government or from the State Government funds, will the Government reconsider this question and include the construction of the bridge across the Payangadi River in Chirakkal taluk under the Central Government subsidy scheme or the State Government scheme? "

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" That is being considered, Sir."

DEPUTY SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member who has given notice of question 2293 requests that his question may be taken up now."

Chinnar Irrigation Scheme in Perambalur taluk

* 2293 *Q.*—SRI N. PARAMASIVA UDAYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any investigations have been made in regard to the Chinnar Irrigation Scheme in Perambalur taluk, Tiruchirappalli district;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the scheme has been dropped; and

(*c*) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) & (*c*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to question No. 171 given on the floor of the Assembly on the 15th March 1954."

SRI N. PARAMASIVA UDAYAR :—" இந்தக் கேள்விக்குப் பதில் தமிழிலில் சொல்ல வேண்டுமாறு கேட்டுக்கொள்ளுகிறேன்."

DEPUTY SPEAKER :—" இப்பொழுது தமிழில் சொல்வதற்கு நேரம் இல்லை."

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—STATEMENT UNDER RULE 40 OF THE ASSEMBLY RULES *RE* IRRIGATION SITUATION IN TANJORE DISTRICT ON ACCOUNT OF LOW-LEVEL OF WATER IN THE METTUR DAM.

* SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM :—" On a point of order, Sir. Today I find some notice has been circulated under rule 40. In the notice I find my name also. The notice is dated 25th August 1955. I do not remember to have given the notice on that date. On the other hand on the same subject-matter, I gave notice on the 23rd. But last night I have received an order from the office that my notice on the subject-matter will be taken up today. What happened to the notice given by me, dated 23rd August 1955. Are we to dance to the political views of certain parties? " 9-30 a.m.

DEPUTY SEAKER :—" This is not a point of order. If the hon. Member wants any information he can come to my Chamber and get the information from me. How can I give the information here? It is not possible."

* SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM :—" I am not asking for any information, Sir. I find my name also included in this notice. I have not given any notice on the 25th. On the other hand on the same subject-matter I gave notice on the 23rd. I received from the office last night a notice stating that my motion will be taken up today under the same rule."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, it is not impossible that two hon. Members are interested in the same question. I do not see any political advantage in this. The subject-matter is about shortage of water in Tanjore district and both the hon. Members, Sir Thiagaraja Pillai and Sri Swayamprakasam are interested in the matter and perhaps many others also. I do not see why anybody should get excited over this matter as to who gave the notice of the motion. On the other hand the hon. Member Sri Swayamprakasam should be glad that others also are taking up the subject if he is really interested in the subject and wants to get redress."

* SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, it is not a question of who is interested in the shortage of water in the dam affecting Tanjore. It is questioning the very procedure adopted by the Secretariat of the Legislative Assembly. A member gives notice of a motion on the 23rd and another member gives a similar notice on the 25th. In all probability . . ."

DEPUTY SPEAKER :—" It has already been explained. Let the hon. Member resume his seat. I know what the hon. Member is going to say."

* SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Has the Deputy Speaker understood the implication of this issue . . ."

DEPUTY SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member should resume his seat. The hon. Member Sri Thiagaraja Pillai has given notice of the motion on the 22nd itself and the hon. Member Sri Swayamprakasam gave notice of the motion on the 23rd and not on the 25th."

* SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM :—" The notice circulated is on the 25th. It cannot be taken up today."

DEPUTY SPEAKER :—" I want the hon. Member to be patient and hear me. The hon. Member Sri Thiagaraja Pillai gave notice on the 22nd and the hon. Member Sri Swayamprakasam gave notice on the 23rd. The notice was circulated on the 25th. Everything is in order."

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* Sri K. VINAYAKAM :—" We have no impatience, so far as the Chair is concerned, Sir."

DEPUTY SPEAKER :—" Notice means, it is circulated to Members on that day. It is not notice of the Members."

Sri K. P. GOPALAN :—" This question under rule 40 cannot be taken because rule 40 says : ' A member may, after questions, and with the previous permission of the Speaker, call the attention of a Minister to any matter of urgent public importance and the Minister may then make a brief statement on the matter or ask for time to make a statement later '. Two members cannot take up the question at the same time." (Laughter.)

DEPUTY SPEAKER :—" Two hon. Members can bring one motion on the same subject-matter. But we cannot have two motions on different subjects on the same day. We have only one motion on the same subject-matter brought by two hon. Members. It is in order."

* Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Sir, I would like to know, if ten hon. Members gave notice of the same motion jointly, will all the ten persons be allowed to have their say in the matter? "

DEPUTY SPEAKER :—" Motion means, on the same subject-matter, not on different subjects . . ."

* Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" My point is this. The motion is one and on the same subject-matter but ten hon. Members have given notice of the same motion. Will all the ten hon. Members be allowed to speak on the motion? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" There is no question of making a speech on the motion. It is after all bringing to the notice of the Government certain facts. If the hon. Member has omitted some facts, certainly the other hon. Member who has given notice of the same motion can bring them to the notice of the Government. After all we have to build our own procedure and tradition. What is the use of taking technical objections like this instead of going into the matter? "

* Sri M. D. THIAGARAJA PILLAI :—" கனம் உதவி சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, இந்தப் பிரச்னையானது தஞ்சாவூர் ஜில்லாவில் தண்ணீர் மிகக் குறைவதினால் ஏற்பட்டிருக்கின்றது. எதிர்க்கட்சியிலுள்ள ஸ்ரீ சுயம்பிரகாசம் அவர்களும் இதே பிரேரணையை சட்டசபை விதி 40-ன் கீழ் கொடுத்திருப்பதிலிருந்தே இந்தப் பிரச்னை தஞ்சாவூர் ஜில்லாவை எவ்வளவு பயங்கரமானதாக எதிர் நோக்கியிருக்கிறது என்பது புலப்படும். இப்பொழுது தஞ்சாவூர் ஜில்லாவில் 10 லட்சம் எக்கராக்கள் நஞ்சை சாகுபடி செய்யப்பட்டு வருகிறது. இப்பொழுது மேட்டூர் டாமில் 60 அடிக்குத் தண்ணீர் குறைந்துவிட்டதன் காரணமாக தஞ்சாவூரிலுள்ள பல மேடான நஞ்சை பூமிக்குத் தண்ணீர் பாய்ச்ச முடியாமல் பயிர் காய ஆரம்பித்து விட்டது. இதனால் பல எக்கராக்கள் பாழ்பட்டுப் போகும். அரசாங்கம் இது விஷயத்தில் கவனித்து தக்க நடவடிக்கையை உடனே எடுக்கவேண்டும்."

DEPUTY SPEAKER :—" நீங்கள் உங்களுடைய பிரேரணையை மூவ் பண்ணத்தான் வேண்டும். பிரசங்கம் எதுவும் நிகழ்த்த கூடாது. உட்காருங்கள்."

(Sri M. D. Thiagaraja Pillai rose.)

DEPUTY SPEAKER :—" Order, Order. The hon. Member should resume his seat. He cannot make a speech."

* Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" On a point of order, Sir. The Chair was saying that under this rule, no hon. Member is entitled to make a speech. It is a motion under rule 40 and any hon. Member who is making a motion is entitled to make a speech explaining the position. Only he has no right of reply in these things as in other matters."

DEPUTY SPEAKER :—" He cannot make a speech. That is my ruling."

9-40 a.m. * The Hon. Sri R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, the notice refers to three points, viz. :—

(1) The water supplied to Tanjore district has been cut down to the serious detriment of agricultural operation;

(2) In spite of the unsatisfactory position, supply is proposed to Salem and Coimbatore districts; and

(3) This will aggravate the serious situation and result in marked fall in rice production.

" As regards (1), I may tell the hon. Members that this year the Reservoir was opened for irrigation on 20th June 1955, i.e., a little later than the scheduled date, viz., the 12th June and supplies made through the Cauvery, the Vennar and the Grand Anicut Canal. As usual at the earlier stages the supplies were started low and gradually increased to avoid wastage. This operation, no doubt, indicated issues during the second half of June 1955 at lower rates than those provided in the rules of regulation, but it must be remembered that those rules had been framed for seasons commencing from 1st June. In the subsequent periods, the supplies actually made were lower than those provided in the Rules of Regulation only to the extent indicated below :—

Cauvery—July to middle of August.

Vennar—August first half.

G.A. Canal—July first half.

But actually the fields were not denied the requisite supply, because there were heavy rains all over the delta which caused surpluses at the Lower Anicut and several tail-end dams. Excepting a stray case at the earlier stage, no complaint of inadequate supply was received and the observation is therefore not correct.

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"The unsatisfactory storage position in the reservoir had already been noticed by the Government. This is due entirely to circumstances beyond our control, namely, inadequate rains in Coorg and Mysore. There is still hope that there may be rains before the middle of September in these areas and we hope the Mettur Reservoir will get further supplies. The Chief Engineer has been consulted and has reported that every effort is being made to conserve the supplies and make issues frugally consistent with the requirements.

"As regards (2), viz., supply to Right and Left Bank Canals of the Mettur Canals Scheme in Salem and Coimbatore districts, I have to state that the canals are intended to irrigate about 18,000 and 27,000 acres in the Coimbatore and Salem districts respectively, i.e., 45,000 acres. When the storage in the Mettur Reservoir is at or about 40,000 m.c.ft., this area is to be given supply. In the Mettur Canals Scheme, only the Right Bank Canal has been opened for irrigation from last year, and the Left Bank Canal has not yet been opened. Issues to the Right Bank Canal have already commenced this season, but the supply is restricted to 13,000 acres as against the designed ayacut of 18,000 acres. As, however, the hopes entertained by the department, viz., attainment of full reservoir level at Mettur by about this time, have been belied and it was too late to cut off further supplies to the area already allowed under the Right Side Canal, it has been decided to defer supplies to the Left Bank Canal, and watch the position.

"In regard to (3), I would point out that the discharge in the Mettur Canal, which is of the order of 300 cusecs is not likely to be exceeded but reduced during rainy periods. The issues to this area during the entire crop period, i.e., from 1st August 1955 to 15th December 1955 would be about 3,600 m.c. ft., which is roughly within two days' supply to Cauvery delta and hence the chances of this quantity aggravating the situation and affecting the yield are rather remote.

"There has been a misapprehension in the minds of certain hon. Members of this House that the allowing of supplies from the Mettur reservoir for sugarcane cultivation in the Tanjore district, has adversely affected the Mettur storage and consequently the supply position in the delta. Extra supplies to the sugarcane area were allowed from the reservoir during the off-season only, viz., from 1st February 1955 to 20th June 1955 for benefiting 3,565 acres against an area of 4,277 acres approved for supply. The supplies so allowed, amounting to 2,262 m.c. ft., represent the requirements of the delta for one day only and it has in no way affected the storage position in Mettur."

DEPUTY SPEAKER :—"Now I want to explain the position with regard to the point raised by the hon. Member Sri Narayana Kurup. Rule 40 (1) says—

'A member may, after questions, and with the previous permission of the Speaker, call the attention of a Minister to any matter. . .'

So, the Member can only call the attention of the Minister to a particular matter and he cannot make a speech. Such being the case, the hon. Member Mr. Kurup should not think that the Member who moves a motion under rule 40, has got the right of making a speech."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Sir, what I meant is that when the attention of the Hon. Minister is invited by means of a motion, the mover of the Motion has got a right of explaining it and in certain cases, he has also got the right of reply. Such a provision is made in the rules."

DEPUTY SPEAKER :—" Now I would like to invite the attention of the hon. Member to rule 40 (2) which says—

'There shall be no debate on such statement at the time it is made."

So, when there is no debate, the question of reply does not arise."

* SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Sir, I agree that there is a difference in moving a motion and allowing a debate on it. If there was not such a provision, then automatically the hon. Members would be entitled to participate in the debate. That is a restriction. It is a matter between the mover and the Hon. Minister concerned though it is formally before the House. That is what it means."

* SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM :—" It is an important point. A member cannot call the attention of the Hon. Minister without explaining the matter. He should explain why the matter is urgent and is of public importance . . ."

DEPUTY SPEAKER :—" He should only point out . . ."

* SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM :—" Yes, Sir, he should point out why the matter is urgent and is of public importance . . ."

DEPUTY SPEAKER :—" But he should not go into details."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" Sir, I should only like to say that the Government or the particular Minister must know what exactly the matter is. There is no use of saying that ' a serious situation has arisen for want of irrigation facilities '. The hon. Member should be given an opportunity to explain what exactly the situation is and how we should meet it."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Sir, rule 73 says—

' Except in the exercise of a right of reply or as otherwise provided, no Member shall speak more than once on any motion . . .

So, the right of speaking once is inherent and is allowed under the rules."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" This is about rule 40 where a special procedure is adopted. So, the hon. Member cannot quote a general procedure and say that anybody is entitled to make a speech."

DEPUTY SPEAKER :—" The next item on the Agenda."

* SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" Sir, before going to the next item, viz., discussion on the Second Five-Year Plan, I should like to make a statement by way of a personal explanation . . ."

DEPUTY SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member cannot make a statement now but only a personal explanation."

* SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" I am not going to make a statement but only a personal explanation out of my great deference and profound respect for the Chair. I also want to associate myself with what other patriotic men of Malabar did the other day when the Second Five-Year Plan was taken up for discussion. I also owe a personal explanation to the House. Of course, it is now pretty familiar from various questions put time and again in this House, from various deputations which waited on the Government and from the agitations which are going on all over Malabar, that 30 lakhs of people of Malabar have been left uncared for and ignored and Malabar has not received a fair deal or square deal in this Draft Plan prepared by the Government. Sir, sober men like Sri K. P. Kesava Menon and distinguished moderates like Sri V. P. Menon have condemned this Plan and even called the other day upon all the Malabar M.L.As. to resign on this issue. So great is the feeling of the people of Malabar against the attitude of this Government which turned an indifferent ear to the interests of Malabar.

" It is now clear from what has been done here that the only course available to Members from Malabar district is to resort to non-co-operation by walking out not merely to record the protest of the people of Malabar against what is being done to them but also to follow the example or the teaching of the great Master—the Father of the Nation—and to rouse the good against the evil in the conscience of the Cabinet and . . ." 9-50 a.m.

DEPUTY SPEAKER :—" I hope the hon. Member will be brief in his statement."

* SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" . . . to see that justice is done to all the people of all the Districts in the State. It is only by this weapon, this spiritual weapon shall I say, we can rouse the conscience of the Cabinet to see that the good in it rises to the surface and overcomes the evil in it, and that apathy and indifference are overcome and a benignant eye is cast on Malabar. It is only with these two objectives that we retire and

I not having had the good fortune to be present here to join the demonstration the other day take this opportunity to walk out along with my comrades and thus record the protest of Malabar in that act.''

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" May I make a submission, Sir? Is it necessary for every Member to perform this ceremony every time an individual arrives here? I thought it had been done collectively by the Members from Malabar. I also thought that that itself was sufficient. But if this should be performed every day as a function, I am afraid that it will become more a farce rather than arousing the spiritual consciousness or whatever it is. I am glad that the hon. Member is now following the footsteps of the Father of the Nation. I hope he will continue to follow his footsteps.''

* SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" I wish, if the Hon. Minister also follows the footsteps of the Father of the Nation . . .''

DEPUTY SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member has no right of reply.''

* SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" By way of personal explanation, Sir.''

DEPUTY SPEAKER :—" No personal explanation is allowed. The hon. Member will resume his seat. I now call upon the hon. Member Sri Bomman to speak.''

III.—DRAFT SECOND FIVE-YEAR PLAN (DISCUSSION—*cont*).

SRI K. H. BOMMAN :—" கனம் உதவி சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே,
9-52 a.m. நமது சர்க்கார் தயாரித்திருக்கும் இரண்டாவது ஐந்தாண்டுத் திட்டத்தின் நகல் திட்டத்தை இந்தச் சபையின் பரிசீலனைக்காக நமது சர்க்கார் சபை முன்பு வைத்திருக்கிறார்கள். இதுபற்றிய விவாதம் இரண்டு நாளாக நடந்து வருகிறது. இந்த இரண்டாவது ஐந்தாண்டுத் திட்டத்தின் நகல் திட்டத்தை சர்க்கார் சபை முன்பு வைக்கும்போது கனம் நிதி மந்திரி அவர்கள் தனது உரையில் இந்தத் திட்டத்தின் நோக்கத்தை தெளிவாக எடுத்துச் சொல்லியிருக்கிறார்.

" மக்களின் வாழ்க்கைத்தரம் உயரவேண்டும், நாட்டு மக்களின் தேவைக்கேற்ப உற்பத்தியும் அதிகரிக்கப்படவேண்டுமென்ற கருத்தை மனதில் கொண்டு பல யோசனைகளைச் சொல்லவேண்டுமென்றும் கேட்டுக்கொண்டிருக்கிறார். அந்த அடிப்படையில் இந்தத் திட்டமானது வகுக்கப்பட்டு இருக்கிறது என்பதற்குப்பல சான்றுகள் இதில் காணப்பகிடுன்றன. அதிக உற்பத்தியை பெருக்கவேண்டுமென்பதற்காக பாசன வசதி, மின்சாரவசதி போன்ற ஏனைய வசதிகள் எல்லாம் செய்து கொடுப்பதற்கான திட்டங்கள் இதில் சேர்க்கப்பட்டிருக்கின்றன. அதிகமாக உற்பத்தி செய்யப்படும் பொருள்களை விற்பனை செய்வதற்கான சரக்குகளை கொண்டுவர கிராமங்களிலிருந்து முக்கிய ரோடுகளுக்குத்தொடர்பு கொடுக்க கிராமங்களிடையே ரோடுகள் போட ஏற்பாடுகளும் இதில் சேர்க்கப்பட்டிருக்கின்றன. ஆகையால் இந்தத் திட்டமானது மக்களுடைய திட்டம், மக்களுடைய நலனுக்காக வகுக்கப்பட்ட திட்டம் என்பதில் சிறிதும் சந்தேக